

REMARKS

This Response is being filed within three months of the Office Action outstanding, dated April 11, 2005. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, no fee is required.

In the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected independent claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Tolegian. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended independent claim 18 to recite a "vertical translation means positioned completely within said interior" of said vertical support means. As stated in Applicant's specification and as shown in the figures, such as in Applicant's FIG. 3A, "within" is defined as being inside the vertical support itself, not in a space between two spaced apart supports ("Pulley assembly 116 may be positioned within vertical support beam 12", page 5, lines 30-31, and as shown in FIG. 3A wherein the pulley system is shown completely within the interior of the vertical support). This limitation is not taught or suggested by Tolegian and is found in Applicant's independent claims 12 and 21 which have been indicated as allowable by the

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Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and to allow this claim.

In the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected independent claim 18, and corresponding dependent claim 19, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Rohlfing. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended independent claim 18 to recite that "said vertical translation means positioned completely within said interior" of said vertical support means. This limitation is not taught or suggested by Rohlfing and is found in Applicant's independent claims 12 and 21 which have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and to allow these claims.

In the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1, and corresponding dependent claims 2-3, 5 and 11, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tolegian in view of Rohlfing. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite a "first vertical support member including a first interior and a first pulley assembly positioned completely within

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said first interior; a second vertical support member including a second interior and a second pulley assembly positioned completely within said second interior." These limitations are not taught or suggested by Tolegian or Rohlwing, either alone or in combination, and are found in Applicant's independent claims 12 and 21, which have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and to allow these claims.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated claims 12-17, 21 and 22 as allowable and has indicated claims 4, 6-10 and 20 as containing allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this response, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested.

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